

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

OAKLEY, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

JP SPORT AND EVENT MANAGEMENT
LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 21-cv-05461

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Oakley, Inc. (“Oakley” or “Plaintiff”) hereby brings the present action against Defendant JP Sport and Event Management LLC (“Defendant” or “JP Sports”) and alleges as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This action has been filed by Oakley to address Defendant’s selling and offering for sale of sunglasses featuring infringing and/or counterfeit versions of Oakley’s trademarks (the “Counterfeit Products”) through Defendant’s business JP Sport and Event Management LLC. Oakley seeks to address Defendant’s infringement and/or counterfeiting of its registered trademarks, as well as to protect unknowing consumers from purchasing low-quality Counterfeit Products. Oakley has been and continues to be irreparably damaged through consumer confusion, dilution, and tarnishment of its valuable trademarks as a result of Defendant’s actions and seeks injunctive and monetary relief.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over the claims in this action pursuant to the provisions of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1051, *et seq.*, 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) and

(b), and 28 U.S.C. § 1331. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims in this action that arise under the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a), because the state law claims are so related to the federal claims that they form part of the same case or controversy and derive from a common nucleus of operative facts.

3. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, and this Court may properly exercise personal jurisdiction over Defendant, because Defendant resides in this Judicial District. Defendant has significant and continuous business operations within this Judicial District and within the State of Illinois. For example, Defendant's website at playjpsports.com indicates that it has operated and hosted over 30 youth sports tournaments in cities located within this Judicial District, such as Rockford, Orland Park, Wheeling, Arlington Heights and Elgin in 2021 alone.

III. THE PARTIES

Plaintiff Oakley

4. Oakley is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington, having its principal place of business at One Icon, Foothill Ranch, California 92610.

5. Oakley is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Luxottica Group S.p.A.

6. Oakley is an internationally recognized manufacturer, distributor and retailer of eyewear, apparel, footwear, outerwear, jackets, gloves, accessories and other merchandise, all of which prominently display its famous, internationally-recognized and federally-registered trademarks, including OAKLEY and various Icon logos (collectively, the "Oakley Products"). Oakley Products have become enormously popular and even iconic, driven by Oakley's arduous quality standards and innovative design. Among the purchasing public, genuine Oakley Products are instantly recognizable as such. In the United States and around the world, the Oakley brand

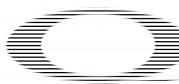
has come to symbolize high quality, and Oakley Products are among the most recognizable eyewear, apparel, footwear, outerwear, jackets, gloves and accessories in the world.

7. Oakley Products are distributed and sold to consumers through retailers throughout the United States, including through authorized retailers in Illinois, the official Oakley.com website which was launched in 1995, and Oakley O Stores, including one located at 835 N. Michigan Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.

8. Oakley incorporates a variety of distinctive marks in the design of its various Oakley Products. As a result of its long-standing use, Oakley owns common law trademark rights in the Oakley trademarks. Oakley has also registered its trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Oakley Products typically include at least one of Oakley's registered trademarks. Oakley uses its trademarks in connection with the marketing of Oakley Products, including, but not limited to, the following marks which are collectively referred to as the "Oakley Trademarks."

Registration Number	Trademark	Goods and Services
1,521,599	OAKLEY	For: Sunglasses and accessories for sunglasses, namely, replacement lenses, ear stems and nose pieces in class 9.
1,980,039		For: Protective and/or anti-glare eyewear, namely sunglasses, goggles, spectacles and their parts and accessories, namely replacement lenses, earstems, frames, nose pieces and foam strips; cases specially adapted for protective and/or anti-glare eyewear and their parts and accessories in class 9.

1,356,297		<p>For: Goggles, sunglasses, and protective pads for elbows, feet and knees in class 9.</p> <p>For: Clothing - namely t-shirts; gloves; racing pants; hats; sweatshirts; sport shirts, jackets, jeans, jerseys and ski pants, jackets, hats, gloves and socks in class 25.</p>
1,519,596		<p>For: Sunglasses and accessories for sunglasses, namely, replacement lenses, ear stems and nose pieces in class 9.</p>
3,331,124		<p>For: Protective eyewear, namely spectacles, prescription eyewear, anti glare glasses and sunglasses and their parts and accessories, namely replacement lenses, frames, earstems, and nose pieces; cases specially adapted for spectacles and sunglasses and their parts and accessories; and protective clothing, namely, racing pants in class 9.</p> <p>For: Clothing, namely, t-shirts, beach-wear, blouses, sports shirts, jerseys, swimwear, swimtrunks, shorts, underwear, shirts, pants, ski and snowboard pants and jackets, jeans, vests, jackets, wetsuits, sweaters, pullovers, coats, sweatpants, headwear, namely, hats, caps, visors and footwear, namely</p>

		wetsuit booties, shoes, sandals, athletic footwear, all purpose sports footwear, thongs and boots in class 25.
3,151,994		For: Protective eyewear, namely spectacles, prescription eyewear, anti glare glasses and sunglasses and their parts and accessories, namely replacement lenses, frames, earstems, and nose pieces; cases specially adapted for spectacles and sunglasses and their parts and accessories in class 9.
1,984,501		For: Protective and/or anti-glare eyewear, namely sunglasses, goggles, spectacles and their parts and accessories, namely replacement lenses, earstems, frames, nose pieces and foam strips; cases specially adapted for protective and/or anti-glare eyewear and their parts and accessories in class 9. For: Clothing and headwear, namely T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, hats, and caps in class 25.
1,701,476	M FRAME	For: Protective eyewear; namely, goggles, anti-glare glasses; sunglasses and their parts; namely, lenses, replacement lenses, frames, earstems and nose pieces; cases specially adapted for

		sunglasses and their parts in class 9.
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9. The above registrations for the Oakley Trademarks are valid, subsisting, in full force and effect, and incontestable pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1065. The Oakley Trademarks have been used exclusively and continuously by Oakley for many years and have never been abandoned. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 are true and correct copies of the United States Registration Certificates for the Oakley Trademarks included in the above table. Incontestable status under 15 U.S.C. § 1065 provides that the registrations for the Oakley Trademarks are conclusive evidence of the validity of the Oakley Trademarks and of the registration of the Oakley Trademarks, of Oakley's ownership of the Oakley Trademarks, and of Oakley's exclusive right to use the Oakley Trademarks in commerce. 15 U.S.C. §§ 1115(b), 1065.

10. The Oakley Trademarks are exclusive to Oakley and are displayed extensively on Oakley Products and in Oakley's marketing and promotional materials. Oakley Products have long been among the most popular eyewear, apparel and accessories in the world and have been extensively promoted and advertised at great expense. In fact, Oakley has expended millions of dollars annually in advertising, promoting and marketing featuring the Oakley Trademarks. Oakley Products have also been the subject of extensive unsolicited publicity resulting from their high-quality, innovative designs and are renowned as desired luxury items. Because of these and other factors, the Oakley name and the Oakley Trademarks have become famous throughout the United States.

11. The Oakley Trademarks are distinctive when applied to Oakley Products, signifying to the purchaser that the products come from Oakley and are manufactured to Oakley's quality standards. Whether Oakley manufactures the products itself or licenses others to do so, Oakley has ensured that products bearing its trademarks are manufactured to the highest quality

standards. The Oakley Trademarks have achieved tremendous fame and recognition, which has only added to the inherent distinctiveness of the marks. As such, the goodwill associated with the Oakley Trademarks is of incalculable and inestimable value to Oakley.

12. Since at least as early as 1995, Oakley has operated a website where it promotes and sells genuine Oakley Products at Oakley.com. Sales of Oakley Products via the Oakley.com website represent a significant portion of Oakley's business. The Oakley.com website features proprietary content, images and designs exclusive to Oakley.

13. Oakley's innovative marketing and product designs have enabled Oakley to achieve widespread recognition and fame and have made the Oakley Trademarks some of the most well-known marks in the eyewear, apparel and accessories industry. The widespread fame, outstanding reputation, and significant goodwill associated with the Oakley brand have made the Oakley Trademarks valuable assets of Oakley.

14. Oakley has expended substantial time, money, and other resources in developing, advertising and otherwise promoting the Oakley Trademarks. As a result, products bearing the Oakley Trademarks are widely recognized and exclusively associated by consumers, the public, and the trade as being high-quality products sourced from Oakley. Oakley is a multi-million-dollar operation, and Oakley Products have become among the most popular of their kind in the world.

Defendant JP Sport and Event Management LLC

15. On information and belief, JP Sport and Event Management LLC (previously defined as "JP Sports" or "Defendant") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and headquartered at 2721 18th Street, C, Moline, IL 61265.

16. Defendant conducts business throughout the United States, including within the State of Illinois and this Judicial District, through the operation of its business JP Sports. JP Sports

is one of the largest youth sports tournament hosts in the Midwest, operating sports tournaments in several states including the State of Illinois. Through its business JP Sports, Defendant has offered to sell, and has sold, Counterfeit Products to United States consumers.

IV. DEFENDANT'S UNLAWFUL CONDUCT

17. Though its business JP Sport and Event Management LLC, Defendant is engaged in designing, manufacturing, advertising, promoting, distributing, selling, and/or offering for sale products bearing logos, source-identifying indicia and design elements that are studied imitations, infringements, and/or counterfeits of the Oakley Trademarks (previously defined as the “Counterfeit Products”).

18. On July 25, 2021, Oakley’s investigator visited Defendant’s youth baseball tournament at the TKB Bank Sports Complex, 4850 Competition Drive, Bettendorf, IA 52722 and purchased Counterfeit Products.

19. The purchased Counterfeit Products were inspected, and it was determined that the products were counterfeit and infringed the Oakley Trademarks.

20. A comparison of the Oakley Trademarks to Defendant’s Counterfeit Products exemplifies Defendant’s counterfeiting and infringement of the Oakley Trademarks.

Oakley Trademarks	Defendant’s Counterfeit Products
 (Reg. No. 1,984,501)	

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<p>OAKLEY (Reg. No. 1,521,599)</p>  (Reg. No. 1,980,039)	
 (Reg. No. 3,331,124)	

Oakley Trademarks	Defendant's Counterfeit Products
 (Reg. No. 3,151,994)	
M FRAME (Reg. No. 1,701,476)	

21. On information and belief, Defendant is well aware of the extraordinary fame and strength of the Oakley Trademarks and the goodwill associated therewith.

22. Defendant, without any authorization, license, or other permission from Oakley, has used the Oakley Trademarks in connection with the advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and sale of the Counterfeit Products in the United States.

23. Defendant's use of infringements and/or counterfeits of the Oakley Trademarks in the advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and sale of the Counterfeit Products was willful.

24. Defendant's willful use of infringements and/or counterfeits of the Oakley Trademarks in connection with the advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and sale of the Counterfeit Products, is likely to cause and has caused confusion, mistake, and deception by and among consumers and is irreparably harming Oakley.

COUNT I
TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT AND COUNTERFEITING (15 U.S.C. § 1114)

25. Oakley hereby re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs.

26. This is a trademark infringement action against Defendant based on its unauthorized use in commerce of counterfeit imitations of the federally registered Oakley Trademarks in connection with the sale, offering for sale, distribution, and/or advertising of infringing goods. The Oakley Trademarks are highly distinctive marks. Consumers have come to expect the highest quality from Oakley Products sold or marketed under the Oakley Trademarks.

27. Defendant has sold, offered to sell, marketed, distributed and advertised products bearing counterfeits of the Oakley Trademarks without Oakley's permission.

28. Oakley is the exclusive owner of the Oakley Trademarks. Oakley's United States Registrations for the Oakley Trademarks (**Exhibit 1**) are in full force and effect. Upon information and belief, Defendant has knowledge of Oakley's rights in the Oakley Trademarks and is willfully infringing and intentionally using counterfeits of the Oakley Trademarks. Defendant's willful, intentional and unauthorized use of the Oakley Trademarks is likely to cause and is causing confusion, mistake, and deception as to the origin and quality of the Counterfeit Products among the general public.

29. Defendant's activities constitute willful trademark infringement and counterfeiting under Section 32 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114.

30. Oakley has no adequate remedy at law, and if Defendant's actions are not enjoined, Oakley will continue to suffer irreparable harm to its reputation and the goodwill of its well-known Oakley Trademarks.

31. The injuries and damages sustained by Oakley have been directly and proximately caused by Defendant's wrongful reproduction, use, advertisement, promotion, offering to sell, and sale of Counterfeit Products.

COUNT II
FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a))

32. Oakley hereby re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs.

33. Defendant's promotion, marketing, offering for sale, and sale of Counterfeit Products has created and is creating a likelihood of confusion, mistake, and deception among the general public as to the affiliation, connection, or association with Oakley or the origin, sponsorship, or approval of Defendant's Counterfeit Products by Oakley.

34. By using the Oakley Trademarks on the Counterfeit Products, Defendant created a false designation of origin and a misleading representation of fact as to the origin and sponsorship of the Counterfeit Products.

35. Defendant's false designation of origin and misrepresentation of fact as to the origin and/or sponsorship of the Counterfeit Products to the general public involves the use of counterfeit marks and is a willful violation of Section 43 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125.

36. Oakley has no adequate remedy at law and, if Defendant's actions are not enjoined, Oakley will continue to suffer irreparable harm to its reputation and the goodwill of the Oakley brand.

COUNT III
VIOLATION OF ILLINOIS UNIFORM DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT
(815 ILCS § 510, *et seq.*)

37. Oakley hereby re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs.

38. Defendant has engaged in acts violating Illinois law including, but not limited to, passing off its Counterfeit Products as those of Oakley, causing a likelihood of confusion and/or misunderstanding as to the source of its goods, causing a likelihood of confusion and/or misunderstanding as to an affiliation, connection, or association with genuine Oakley Products, representing that its Counterfeit Products have Oakley's approval when they do not, and engaging in other conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding among the public.

39. The foregoing Defendant acts constitute a willful violation of the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 ILCS § 510, *et seq.*

40. Oakley has no adequate remedy at law, and Defendant's conduct has caused Oakley to suffer damage to its reputation and associated goodwill. Unless enjoined by the Court, Oakley will suffer future irreparable harm as a direct result of Defendant's unlawful activities.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Oakley prays for judgment against Defendant as follows:

- 1) That Defendant, its officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, confederates, and all persons acting for, with, by, through, under or in active concert with it be temporarily, preliminarily, and permanently enjoined and restrained from:
 - a. using the Oakley Trademarks or any reproductions, counterfeit copies or colorable imitations thereof in any manner in connection with the distribution, marketing, advertising, offering for sale, or sale of any product that is not a genuine Oakley Product or is not authorized by Oakley to be sold in connection with the Oakley Trademarks;
 - b. passing off, inducing, or enabling others to sell or pass off any product as a genuine Oakley Product or any other product produced by Oakley, that is not Oakley's or not

produced under the authorization, control or supervision of Oakley and approved by Oakley for sale under the Oakley Trademarks;

- c. committing any acts calculated to cause consumers to believe that Defendant's products are those sold under the authorization, control or supervision of Oakley, or are sponsored by, approved by, or otherwise connected with Oakley;
- d. further infringing the Oakley Trademarks and damaging Oakley's goodwill;
- e. manufacturing, shipping, delivering, holding for sale, transferring or otherwise moving, storing, distributing, returning, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, products or inventory not manufactured by or for Oakley, nor authorized by Oakley to be sold or offered for sale, and which bear any of Oakley's trademarks, including the Oakley Trademarks, or any reproductions, counterfeit copies or colorable imitations thereof;
- f. aiding, abetting, contributing to or otherwise assisting anyone in infringing upon the Oakley Trademarks; and
- g. effecting assignments or transfers, forming new entities or associations or utilizing any other device for the purpose of circumventing or otherwise avoiding the prohibitions set forth in Subparagraphs (a) through (f).

2) That Defendant, within fourteen (14) days after service of judgment with notice of entry thereof upon it, be required to file with the Court and serve upon Oakley a written report under oath setting forth in detail the manner in which Defendant has complied with Paragraph 1, a through g, above;

3) That Defendant account for and pay to Oakley all profits realized by Defendant by reason of Defendant's unlawful acts herein alleged, and that the amount of damages for infringement of

the Oakley Trademarks be increased by a sum not exceeding three times the amount thereof as provided by 15 U.S.C. § 1117;

- 4) In the alternative, that Oakley be awarded statutory damages for willful trademark counterfeiting pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(c) of \$2,000,000 for each and every use of the Oakley Trademarks;
- 5) That Oakley be awarded its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and
- 6) Award any and all other relief that this Court deems just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38, Oakley hereby demands a trial by jury as to all issues so triable.

Dated this 14th day of October 2021. Respectfully submitted,

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